

Notes of Evidence

R-v- Gary Weddell

North West Surrey Magistrates' Court

2nd November 2007

Please note: These are a non-verbatim note taken in long hand and consequently not everything said in court is recorded.

Examination in Chief

Detective Inspector Alan Postawa (Sworn)

I produce a copy of an ordinance survey map showing the pub the defendant is accused of entering. The Pub is located in Bedfordshire but it is close to the border of Hertfordshire.

The statements were taken by other officers.

The original charge of which the defendant is accused is one of murder. Sandra Weddell was found dead on the 31st January 2007, with a cable tied around her neck. A post-mortem revealed she died of strangulation. An investigation resulted in the arrest of the defendant in June 2007. He was interviewed over three days and eventually charged with her murder. Mr Weddell was initially remanded in custody for about one month. Judge Bevan granted bail with bail conditions. The defendant has been on bail since July 2007. I'm not aware of any other breaches of bail by Mr Weddell.

Cross-Examination

The Packhorse Public House is in Bedfordshire. I'm aware that Mr Weddell's bail was varied between 29th October 2007 and the 1st November 2007. Although the bail was varied it still didn't allow him to enter Bedfordshire. I do know Detective Constable Warburton.(?? surname) He wouldn't have authority to vary bail conditions.

Re-Examination

I understand that the defendant had arranged for his mother to travel from a location outside Bedfordshire where he picked her up.

Bench Questions

The pub is about 50 to 70 yards into Bedfordshire from the Hertfordshire boundary.

Prosecution Representations

██ contacted the Police as she had concerns about a man (later known to be the defendant) who had been acting suspiciously outside her pub. This man had been taking photographs. She had asked this person what he was doing ? He replied that he was taking photo's for Bedfordshire Police of CCTV signs and he had just come from the industrial estate where there are a lot of signs. The landlady took three photo's of the male and called the Police. She then observed a vehicle arrive. An elderly person got out of the drivers seat and then got into the passenger seat and then the male person who the landlady had previously spoken to got into the driving seat and then drove off.

██████████ is a witness. He is a guardian of the children of the defendant. The defendant has supervised access at a third party's address. ██████████ has said in his statement that he was due to pick the children up at 5.p.m. ██████████ heard Mr Weddell speak to him on this child contact visit which Mr Weddell is prohibited from doing. Mr Weddell asked his child to go into another room and then the defendant said " You are no longer to go to our house – You are not to take anything from the property". This conversation persisted.

That is the basis of the alleged breach of bail – entering Bedfordshire and contacting directly or indirectly a prosecution witness.

Close of Prosecution case and representations.

Defence case

Examination in Chief

Gary Weddell (Sworn) D.O.B. 24/06/1960

On the 29th October 2007 I had taken my mum to Tyneside. I had previously arranged a variation of the bail conditions to take my 74 year old mother to Tyneside to help her move out of her address. Permission had been granted and the conditions of bail had been varied. There was a condition of bail not to enter Bedfordshire. I have been driving up and down that area and there is a 'Welcome to Bedfordshire' sign. I had a drink in the pub and the staff in the pub assured me the pub was in Hertfordshire. I was meeting my mum. I attended a garage 50 – 100 yards from the pub. The garage is in Hertfordshire but I now know the pub is in Bedfordshire. I did have a conversation with the landlady. My Solicitors had asked me to make enquiries re:CCTV en-route to my work as this is an issue in my case. That is what I

was doing. If I thought it (the pub) was in Bedfordshire I would not have gone there. I accept I made a mistake.

On the 27th (? Date) October 2007 I had supervised contact. I fax beforehand to show that I intend to visit. They changed the times from 2p.m. to 5p.m. I got there fifteen minutes early to avoid contact with the [REDACTED] are caring for the children on Court orders at the moment. I got there early to avoid contact with the [REDACTED]. All the children were present. I took £1,000. cash in an envelope to give to the care staff to pay for the children's care.

I believe [REDACTED] has taken 3 rings, £1,000. and other stuff from my house. These are exhibits for my case. My eldest daughter had told me in the past that [REDACTED] has been in the house and taken my favourite picture of mum [REDACTED]. She said [REDACTED] hid this in clothes and took it away from the house. I contacted my mother and asked has this picture been taken. She checked and it has. I claim it has been stolen. I made a phone call in the office with [REDACTED]. Then went back to carry on visit with the children. My mother rang and then I went next door again with the other supervisor. My mother said [REDACTED] has brought the picture back and apologised. If he hadn't brought it back I would have reported it as theft. I asked [REDACTED] to have a word with her.

I was then taken into the conservatory. As I went in [REDACTED] was there with his son [REDACTED]. I wasn't expecting to see him when I went into the room. [REDACTED] smiled at me and said "Hello Gary – having a nice visit?" I said nothing. I couldn't ask him to leave the room as this would be contact. [REDACTED] continued to sit there. I then told [REDACTED] that an incident of theft of a picture is going to be reported. He sat there. I didn't look at him. I didn't speak to him at all. This guy has been trying to goad me into a conversation for the last 2 months. On 29th November 2007 I spoke to my brother and mother and apologised to [REDACTED]. I stayed there for 5 minutes after [REDACTED] had gone to avoid any contact. I rang Paul Olliver (Solicitor) about the theft. He asked if it has been reported as a theft.

The first I knew of these proceedings was when I was being arrested for breach of bail.

I have been a Police officer for 25 years. No intention to breach my bail conditions. I should have walked out of the room and ignored him.

Cross Examination

[REDACTED] and his family have stolen things. I haven't had access to my house. I have reported this to my Solicitor but not yet to the Police. I spoke to my solicitor and my solicitor will report it to the Police.

I didn't know [REDACTED] was in the room. [REDACTED] never mentioned that [REDACTED] was in the room. [REDACTED] is mistaken.

[REDACTED] is a liar and wants me in Gaol.

Both witnesses have made a statement?

██████ is lying.

██████ is mistaken.

Why would I want to speak to ██████ in front of supervisors and face breaking bail conditions and going back to gaol?

I asked her to write down what was being said.

I didn't ask her to witness me speaking to ██████.

I didn't go anywhere near ██████.

I did not take the bait.

I spoke to ██████ and said that ██████ had taken more property from my house and I would be reporting it to the Police.

██████ said to me something like " Having a nice visit Gary ?"

No re-examination

Bench Questions

There is a pub opposite to where I was taking pictures. ██████ keeps trying to goad me to speak to him.

I've been told to go through Solicitors first before reporting matters to the Police.

Close of Defence case

Defence closing submissions (not recorded)